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DEPT PASS LABOR FOR SEGALL, HOROWITZ AND QUACKENBUSH

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SUBJECT: ILO: WORLD WMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE

REF: (A) STATE 82742, (B) STATE 81983, (C) GENEVA 2272, (D) FREETOWN
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1. SUMMARY. BLANCHARD DOUBTS THAT ELECTION OF ARAB GOVERNMENT TO STEERING COMMITTEE OF WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE (WEC) WOULD SET PRECEDENT FOR RECOGNITION OF MIDDLE EAST AS REGION IN ILO BUT URGED US TO COME UP WITH ALTERNATIVE FORMULA FOR COMPOSITION OF STEERING COMMITTEE. END SUMMARY.

2. BECAUSE OF ACC MEETING LAST WEEK AND ABSENCE OF AMBASSADOR DALE THIS WEEK (REF A), AMBASSADOR DALE AGREED WITH BLANCHARD THAT LABATT SHOULD MAKE PRESENTATION CALLED FOR IN REF B. BLANCHARD SAID PROPOSALS FOR MAKEUP OF STEERING COMMITTEE HAD BEEN MADE IN IN-HOUSE WORKING PAPER WHICH DOES NOT AND WILL NOT HAVE OUTSIDE CIRCULATION OR ANY COMMITMENT ON HIS PART. CONTENT OF PAPER HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS. BLANCHARD BELIEVES SECRETARIAT HAS MADE RESPONSIBLE ATTEMPT TO ACHIEVE
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REPRESENTATIVE AND RESPONSIBLE STEERING COMMITTEE. AND IF US

DOES NOT AGREE WITH THIS TENTATIVE SUGGESTION, HE IS MORE
THAN WILLING TO CONSIDER US VIEWS ON HOW THIS MIGHT BE DONE BETTER.
HE URGED US TO PUT FORTH SUGGESTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE,
BECAUSE IF COMPOSITION OF STEERING IS TO BE PREARRANGED,
THIS WILL HAVE TO BE DONE BY MIDDLE OF MAY.

3. BLANCHARD DID ADMIT DANGER OF CHOOSING RADICAL ARAB GOVERNMENT
REPRESENTATIVE AS MEMBER OF STEERING COMMITTEE. HOWEVER, HE SAID
PROBLEM WAS HOW TO DEFUSE EXPECTED ARAB RESOLUTION ON MIGRANT
LABOR. HE SUGGESTED THAT PLO STATEMENT AT ARAB LABOR ORGANIZATION
MEETING IN ALEXANDRIA INDICATED THAT ARAB RESOLUTION WOULD BE
CRITICAL OF MIGRATION OF SOVIET JEWS TO ISRAEL. HE SAID THAT HE
WOULD BE WORKING THROUGH TUNISIAN AND MOROCCAN LABOR MINISTERS
TO INDUCE ARABS TO MODIFY LANGUAGE OF RESOLUTION, IF AS EXPECTED
RESOLUTION IS PUT FORTH. HE SAID RESOLUTION ON MIGRATION WOULD
BE PERTINENT TO THE AGENDA OF WEC AND WOULD HAVE TO BE ACCEPTED.
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